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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DEBATE ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY ON NOVEMBER 24. THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, BAHRAIN, VIETNAM, MONGOLIA, ZAMBIA, CANADA, AND THE US MADE STATEMENTS. US AMB. YOUNG REFERRED TO EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AS "A DEMONSTRATION OF RARE VISION WHICH HAS CAUGHT THE IMAGINATION OF THW WORLD." AMB. YOUNG DECLARED THAT "THE MOMENTUM OF THE PAST WEEK MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SLIP AWAY."
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IN A RIGHT OF REPLY, PLO REP TERZI TOOK EXCEPTION TO SOME OF AMB. YOUNG'S STATEMENTS (SEE SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.
2. DEBATE ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLENARY ON NOVEMBER 24. THE DEBATE HELD FEW SURPRISES. AMB. HUMIDAN OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES APPEALED TO SUPPORTERS OF THE ARAB CAUSE NOT TO CHANGE THEIR POSITIONS BECAUSE OF

"TEMPORARY EVENTS." HUMAIDAN REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE AND DECLARED THAT ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING THE PLO, MUST BE REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE. HUMAIDAN REITERATED THE STANDARD ARAB LINE THAT A LASTING SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST MUST BE BASED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ON RECOGNITION OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. AMB. AL SAFFAR OF BAHRAIN ECHOED HUMAIDAN'S MAIN POINTS, AND HE NOTED THAT IN VIEW OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IT IS UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND TO THE ALLIES OF ISRAEL IN PARTICULAR TO WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS BY ISRAEL.

3. VIETNAMESE AMB. BA THI MADE A CONVENTIONAL ATTACK ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SUPPRESSION OF THE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. BA THI ASSERTED THAT ISRAEL IS ABLE TO SPURN WORLD OPINION AND UN RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE OF US POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY SUPPORT. BA THI CHARTED THAT THE THE "TEL AVIV REGIME IS BEING USED AS A GENDARME OF IMPERIALISM AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE," AND HE MADE A TURGID STATEMENT LINKING ISRAEL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND "IMPERIALISM." BA THI CLAIMED HIS COUNTRY SUPPORTED A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE WARNED THAT SO LONG AS THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ARE NOT RESPECTED, ANY PEACE WOULD BE FRAGILE AND ILLUSORY.

4. MONGOLIAN AMB. PUNTSAGNOROV MADE A STANDARD SOVIET BLOC STATEMENT STRESSING THAT A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT MUST BE BASED ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ON THE RECOGNITION OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND ON THE RIGHT OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHIN SECURE AND RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES. PUNTSAGNOROV WELCOMED THE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 1 AND ASSERTED THAT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE IS THE ONLY FORUM WHICH CAN OPEN THE WAY TO A FULL SETTLEMENT. PUNTSAGNOROV DECLARED THAT ALL PARTIES -- "INCLUDING THE PLO, WHICH IS RECOGNIZED AS THE ONLY LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE"-- MUST BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE.

5. ZAMBIAN AMB. KONIE MADE A CONVENTIONAL STATEMENT CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND ISRAELI RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO A HOMELAND. SHE ALSO DENOUNCED THE LEADERSHIP OF ISRAEL FOR COLLABORATING

WITH THE "RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA." KONIE
CALLED UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY -- PARTUCLARLY
THE SUPERPOWERS -- TO EXERT MAXIMUM PRESSURE TO BRING
ABOUT THE RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE.

6. CANADIAN AMB. BARTON NOTED THAT THE EVENTS OF
LAST WEEKEND HAVE "FOCUSED THE HOPES OF THE WORLD..."
HE NOTED THAT THE "MOMENTUM FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS HAS
BEGIN," AND HE HOPED THAT SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL WOULD
"PROVIDE THE IMPETUS FOR A JUST PEACE."

7. US AMB. YOUNG REFERRED TO PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT
TO ISRAEL AS "A DEMONSTRATION OF RARE VISION WHICH HAS
CAUGHT THE IMAGINATION OF THE WORLD." AMB. YOUNG
DECLARED THAT "THE MOMENTUM OF THE PAST WEEK MUST NOT
BE ALLOWED TO SLIP AWAY." IN A RIGHT OF REPLY, PLO
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REP TERZI TOOK EXCEPTION TO AMB. YOUNG'S MENTION OF
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AND TO HIS TREATMENT OF
THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION (SEE SEPTTEL ON TERZI'S
INTERVENTION). TEXT OF AMB. YOUNG'S STATEMENT SENT
SEPTTEL.
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